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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK AND UNCSTD PREPARATIONS

1. UNCSTD SYG DA COSTA INTENDS SEEK MEETING IN WASHINGTON AROUND WEEK OF AUGUST 10 WITH WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA TO DISCUSS UNCSTD PREPARATIONS IN GENERAL AND HOW BANK MIGHT HELP, SPECIFICALLY MCNAMARA'S SUGGESTION TO USDEL CHAIRMAN HESBURGH THAT BANK LOAN TOP-LEVEL EXPERT TO SECRETARIAT.

2. DA COSTA TOLD US COORDINATOR IN GENEVA THAT BANK'S BASIC HUMAN NEEDS FOCUS HAS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS PRO AND CON IN DEVELOPING WORLD, AND QUESTION NEEDS BE EXAMINED BECAUSE UNCSTD SECRETARIAT DETERMINED REMAIN NEUTRAL IN CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS. THERE IS SOME WOUNDED PRIDE IN THIS REACTION TO THIRD PARTY MESSAGE ON POSSIBLE BANK ASSISTANCE. DA COSTA RECALLED HE HAD SOUGHT BUT NOT RE-
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CEIVED APPOINTMENT WITH MCNAMARA YEAR AND HALF AGO.

3. DEPT MAY RECALL THAT HESBURGH URGED MCNAMARA ON JUNE 29 TO LEND BANK'S PRESTIGE, TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND CREDIBILITY TO UNCSTD PREPARATIONS. MCNAMARA REPLIED HE WILLING, IF ASKED, TO LOAN BANK'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXPERT (WEISS) ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS. SUBSEQUENT-

LY, WEISS CLARIFIED HE HAS HIS OWN FIXED VIEWS ON
TERMS OF SUCH ASSISTANCE - HE NOT TO WORK ALONE BUT TO
LEAD STRONG TEAM OF AROUND 10 OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS OF
DISTINCTION.

4. IN US COORDINATOR'S OPINION, ANY SECONDMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BANK AND UNCSTD SECRETARIAT MAY THUS NOT COME
EASILY, IF AT ALL. PERSONALITY DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPALS
ARE STRONG WITH NEITHER WOOING THE OTHER. THIS WAS FACTOR
WHY ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR MEETING TURNED DOWN BY BANK STAFF.
IF WEISS'S TERMS APPLIED TO MCNAMARA'S BASIC OFFER, DA
COSTA LIKELY REGARD TEAM PROSPECT AS THREAT TO HIS
AUTHORITY. EVEN IF TEAM CONCEPT ACCEPTABLE, THERE IS
PRACTICAL PROBLEM OF FUNDING THIS MANY CONSULTANTS.

5. US COORDINATOR DISCUSSED ISSUE OF POSSIBLE BANK
ASSISTANCE WITH AUSTRIAN SPONSORS IN GENEVA. THEY FAVOR-
ABLE TO IDEA AND WILL DISCREETLY URGE DA COSTA TO DRAW
TALENT HEAVILY FROM UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND DEVELOPMENT
BANKS.

6. IT IMPORTANT US NOT BE SOLE ADVOCATE, GIVEN NATIONAL-
ITIES INVOLVED AT BANK. YET HESBURGH MIGHT PRESS ISSUE
WITH DA COSTA IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER, ALSO AT OTHER
LEVELS IN UN HIERARCHY (E.G., DADZIE AND RIPERT) AS WORLD
BANK-UNCSTD COOPERATION DESIRABLE TO GIVE NEEDED BOOST TO
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